

## Exploring SmartMusic 2011

This step-by-step checklist will help you explore SmartMusic 2011. The process should take about 30 minutes. As you discover the new features, we hope you'll think about lots of ways to use SmartMusic with your students. Before you begin, we recommend that you print out this checklist for ease of use.

### 1. Choose one of the following options to install SmartMusic

#### Option 1:

- Insert the SmartMusic DVD, and wait until you see a screen that says, Welcome to the SmartMusic installer. This can take several minutes.
- Follow the instructions on the Installer screen, and click **Next**.
- During the installation process, three videos will pop up: 1. Teachers, 2. Parents/Students, and 3. Administrators. These videos also appear on the Home screen of the SmartMusic website. If you haven't seen the new teacher video, this is a good place to start.
- The DVD installer contains all the band and string method books, and you can choose which books to download. Click **Finish** to launch SmartMusic and you will see the new SmartMusic Home screen.

#### Option 2:

- Download SmartMusic from the website. After you click on the download icon, start the process by clicking **Save**. Save the file to your desktop. To begin, double-click the installer icon on your desktop, and click **Run**.

If you have any trouble installing SmartMusic, call Customer Support at: 866-240-4041.

### 2. Activate your subscription

Note: If you have an active subscription on that particular computer, there is no need to reactivate. Otherwise, click **Activate** on the Welcome screen, and follow the instructions.

### 3. Open SmartMusic and take the three-minute tour

From the new Home screen, you can do so much. You can access music, your settings, the practice tools, and how-to videos that will change over time to provide you with up-to-date information. You can also log in to create assignments. (More about creating assignments on the next page.)

In the Learn how to use the new SmartMusic section, click **Watch Now** under Take the Tour.

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### Finding Repertoire

Click on **Find Music** in the middle of the blue navigation panel on the left.

- **Note:** You can also click on **Find Music** at the bottom center section of the Home screen.
- On the Find Music screen, you can do a quick search by entering information in the panel on the right.
- Or, you can browse through the five categories of music, select what you want, and open or download it to My Library.

### Accessing Music in My Library

- Go back to the Home screen by clicking on **Home** at the top of the blue **Navigation Panel** on the left side of your screen.
- Click on **My Library** to see all of the music you have downloaded.
- You can also click on a particular item listed under **My Library** in the navigation panel to see only that category.
  - Notice the **Music Covers** at the top of the screen. Just click through the covers to find what you want, click on a cover to highlight that item in the list below, and then double-click to open that title.
  - Or, as you click through each title in the list in the center of the screen, its cover will appear at the top of the page. You can open a title by double-clicking, and you will go to the **Performance Screen**.

### Practicing with the Performance Screen

- When you open a title, the music appears on the Performance screen. First, explore the **Control Bar** at the top of the page to try out all the different features. Check out the tempo, location, tracks, tuner, and more.
- Begin a practice session by selecting **Mic Check** from the Help menu.
- Then, click on the green **Start Take** button on the top left side of the screen or by tapping the **space bar** on your keyboard. Each time you start the music, SmartMusic will automatically record your Take.
- For each Take, you can choose to **listen**, **keep**, or **save** it as an MP3 file.
- If you keep a take, you can access it the next time you open this title.
- Take a few minutes to practice with some of the music, try things out, and learn more about SmartMusic. When you're finished, simply click on the **Done** button in the upper-right corner of the Performance screen.

This checklist just scratches the surface of all the things you can do with SmartMusic. We hope you enjoy SmartMusic 2011 as you and your students continue to make music in interesting and exciting ways.